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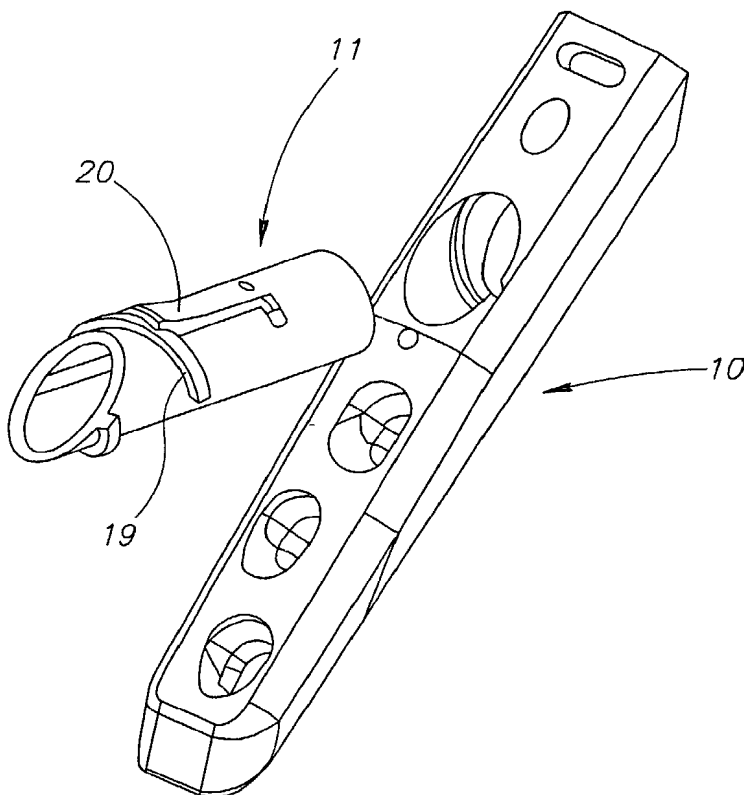
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(57) Abstract: A hip plate, comprising: a plate body adapted to be attached to a femur or other bone; and at least one lag screw adapted for insertion into a femoral head or other bone protrusion and rotationally lockable to said plate.

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1. claims: 1-9,22-28

Hip plate assembly, comprising one lag screw and a plate body having a removable barrel guide for said lag screw.

2. claims: 1,10-16

Hip plate assembly comprising a hip plate and a lag screw for insertion through said plate, wherein said lag screw has an expandable head for secure fitting in the femoral head.

3. claims: 1,17-21

Hip plate assembly comprising a hip plate and a lag screw for insertion through said plate, wherein said screw has means to limit its axial and rotational movement in said plate.

4. claims: 29-33

Hydraulic apparatus for generic bone implant removal.

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